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## The Building of a Lodge

Can a memorial honor its builder as well as the person to whom it is dedicated? For any who know the story of Clair Tappaan Lodge, the answer is "yes!"

When California skiing was in its infancy—a decade or so ago—Sierra Club leaders in the sport recognized the need for a club-owned center. They could foresee the tremendous advantages of establishing our own headquarters, and they envisioned a lodge around whose hearth should glow the fellowship that had warmed them at so many High Trip campfires.

The site at Donner Summit chosen, an appeal to the membership followed. Response was immediate and gratifying. From every part of the state and from many another state came subscriptions—from young and old, from prospective skiers and from members who had no expectation of skiing, even from those who perhaps would never see the Lodge. A dollar here, five dollars there, fifty, a hundred—because *individual Sierrans* wanted to help in the building of that which would benefit the club and its members.

But the money was only a beginning. It alone could not produce the broad sturdy building which now stands overlooking highway and lake. Vision and skill and plenty of hard work were needed to shape log and stone, concrete and steel, lumber and glass into the structure that we now know. Neither building nor maintenance has been achieved without continued effort, and lots of it. Club members provided it.

And it is here that the workers have constructed something which honors them as well as it does the man whose name it bears. Vacations, week ends, holidays, added up to an incalculable number of man-hours (yes, and woman-hours). The building may have its 89-degree right angles, its fanciful wiring, its unplanned quirks; but it has also, worked in with every stroke of hammer, saw or shovel, the materialization of an unselfish ideal.

Whose vision and planning and work have gone into the growth of Clair Tappaan Lodge? So many have been volunteers that most of them will remain generally unknown. Some, though, have put so much of their own life into the life of the Lodge that even the greenest new member is bound to hear of them, and it is needless to repeat their names.

As the Lodge has grown to full size and been outgrown and grown again, unnumbered skiers have found within it fellowship and comfort and helpfulness. Though some may not have known who Clair Tappaan was, all have sensed—at least dimly—that there is something founded and sustained on co-operation and sharing. Even the insensitive have usually been able to perceive that when maintenance and "housekeeping" are cooperative, expenses are lower. To some it has come as a pleasant surprise that their own returns—enjoyment, companionship, a sense of belonging—increase in direct proportion to what they themselves can contribute in helpfulness and cooperation.

Thus the visitor to Clair Tappaan Lodge can be drawn steadily and surely into its

inner life as he learns to take his part in that life. He can become at one and the same time a part of the group that pays honor to an ideal

and a part of the living, growing activity which the Lodge and its tradition honor.

C. E. M.

### Purchase of Lake Tenaya Property Completed

The Sierra Club was advised on February 14, 1944, by Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service, and Major O. A. Tomlinson, the Regional Director, that the purchase of the Lake Tenaya property in the Yosemite National Park, to which the Sierra Club contributed one-half, or \$2500,

had been completed and the deed forwarded to Washington. The Sierra Club and the Park Service are both very enthusiastic over the acquisition of this very fine and strategic piece of privately owned land located at the outlet of Murphy Creek, along the shores of the lake.

W. E. C.

### Treasurer's Report, Year Ended December 31, 1943

*To the Directors of the Sierra Club:*

The following report on the finances of the Sierra Club for the year ended December 31, 1943 is respectfully submitted.

WALTER L. HUBER, *Treasurer*

#### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

##### *Receipts:*

Dues from members at \$4 . . . . .	\$ 9,852.00	
Dues from members at \$2 . . . . .	678.00	
Dues for former years . . . . .	136.00	
Dues paid in advance . . . . .	37.00	
Dues from new members . . . . .	1,987.00	
Total dues received . . . . .		\$12,690.00
Income from Endowment Fund . . . . .	\$ 782.46	
Interest on General Fund savings account . . . . .	23.83	
Interest on loan to Clair Tappaan Lodge . . . . .	140.00	
Sale of publications . . . . .	363.71	
Sale of ski badges . . . . .	7.80	
Gift from Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Starr . . . . .	1,000.00	
Total miscellaneous receipts . . . . .		2,317.80
Total received . . . . .		\$15,007.80

##### *Disbursements:*

##### *General Administration:*

Rent—San Francisco clubrooms . . . . .	\$1,380.00	
Paid by San Francisco Bay Chapter . . . . .	150.00	\$ 1,230.00
Los Angeles clubroom . . . . .	480.00	\$ 1,710.00
Salaries . . . . .		1,993.50
Office expense—printing, postage, telephone . . . . .	529.83	
Paid by local chapter and committees . . . . .	55.30	474.53
Election and directors' meetings . . . . .		510.44
Total . . . . .		\$ 4,688.47

## Sierra Club Bulletin:

Magazine number (June 1943) . . . . .	\$ 2,817.77	
Less receipts from advertising . . . . .	50.00	\$ 2,767.77
Bimonthly numbers (five) . . . . .		629.77
Title Page and Index . . . . .		80.21
Total . . . . .		\$ 3,477.75

## Chapters:

Loma Prieta . . . . .	\$ 145.50
Mother Lode . . . . .	81.50
Riverside . . . . .	43.25
San Francisco Bay . . . . .	898.28
Southern California . . . . .	1,126.50
Total . . . . .	\$ 2,295.03

Lodge Current Fund . . . . .	500.00
Gift to the United States of one-half of the purchase price of Powers Estate property at Tenaya Lake, Yosemite National Park . . . . .	2,500.00
New edition of <i>Guide to the John Muir Trail</i> . . . . .	1,929.50
Transfer of three U. S. Treasury Bonds to the Endowment, Aurelia Harwood, and Memorial Lodge funds . . . . .	\$ 3,000.00

## Miscellaneous:

Dues to other organizations, taxes, library, Mugelnoos, Yodeler, Bonanza, insurance, and sundry other expenses . . . . .	534.70
Total disbursed . . . . .	\$ 18,925.45

## Receipts: LODGE CURRENT FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From General Fund . . . . .	\$ 500.00
Income from Memorial Hodge, Harwood and Gillett funds . . . . .	191.19
Receipts at Parsons Lodge . . . . .	86.60
Total received . . . . .	\$ 777.79

## Disbursements:

LeConte Memorial Lodge . . . . .	\$ 373.12
Parsons Memorial Lodge . . . . .	200.00
Total disbursed . . . . .	\$ 573.12

## Receipt: JOHN P. DEXTER FUND RECEIPT

Gift from Mr. Dexter . . . . .	\$ 16.00
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## Receipts: ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS

Twelve life memberships . . . . .	\$ 900.00
U. S. Treasury Bond from General Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Lehman Corporation stock from Memorial Lodge and Harwood funds . . . . .	1,943.53
Total . . . . .	\$ 3,843.53

## CHANGES IN MEMORIAL LODGE AND AURELIA HARWOOD FUNDS

## Increase:

U. S. Treasury Bonds from General Fund . . . . .	\$ 2,000.00
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## Decrease:

Lehman Corporation stock to Endowment Fund . . . . .	\$ 1,943.53
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## SUMMARY OF FUND ACCOUNTS

<i>Current Funds:</i>	Dec. 31, 1942	Increase	Decrease	Dec. 31, 1943
General . . . . .	\$ 8,982.60	\$15,007.80	\$18,925.45	\$ 5,064.95
Lodge Current . . . . .	235.09	777.79	573.12	439.76
Alfred P. Redington . . . . .	291.61	-----	-----	291.61
John P. Dexter . . . . .	484.00	16.00	-----	500.00
Total Current . . . . .	\$ 9,993.30	\$15,801.59	\$19,498.57	\$ 6,296.32
<i>Permanent Funds:</i>				
Endowment . . . . .	\$16,226.73	\$ 3,843.53	-----	\$20,070.26
Stephen T. Mather . . . . .	10,000.00	-----	-----	10,000.00
Memorial Lodge . . . . .	943.53	1,000.00	943.53	1,000.00
Aurelia S. Harwood . . . . .	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
Robert S. Gillett . . . . .	1,000.00	-----	-----	1,000.00
Total Permanent . . . . .	\$33,170.26	\$ 5,843.53	\$ 1,943.53	\$37,070.26
Total . . . . .	\$43,163.56	\$21,645.12	\$21,442.10	\$43,366.58

## CURRENT FUND ASSETS—DECEMBER 31, 1943

Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .	\$ 6,296.32
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## PERMANENT FUND ASSETS—DECEMBER 31, 1943

United States War Savings Bonds, Series G . . . . .	\$17,000.00
United States Treasury Bonds . . . . .	3,000.00
Affiliated Fund . . . . .	5,000.00
Loomis-Sayles Second Fund, 100 shares . . . . .	3,875.00
Lehman Corporation, 45 shares . . . . .	1,943.53
General Telephone, 20 shares preferred . . . . .	1,030.00
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 20 shares preferred . . . . .	1,646.28
Cash in savings bank . . . . .	3,575.45
Total Permanent Fund assets . . . . .	\$37,070.26

## Report on Membership for the Year 1943

During the calendar year 1943, 269 new members admitted to membership in the Sierra Club and 25 former members were reinstated upon payment of back dues; however, 218 were dropped from the list on October 31, 1943 because of non-payment of dues, 33 resigned, and there were 17 deaths during the year, totaling 268. The total membership on December 31, 1943 was therefore 3674 as compared with 3648

a year before. However, of the 600 or more members in the armed forces, about 375 are, by request, on leave of absence, making the active membership approximately 3300. The 3674 members, including those on leave of absence, were distributed as follows: Loma Prieta Chapter, 186; Mother Lode Chapter, 94; Riverside Chapter, 55; San Francisco Bay Chapter, 1759; Southern California Chapter, 1346; general, 234.

*Mountains Around the World.* The exhibition in the club-rooms, of mountains of the United Nations, will start April first. Both familiar and unfamiliar scenes are included, and should prove of interest to global-minded members.

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